

Encouraging young artists



FIRST PLACE

“Toe 2 Toe” by Adrienne Ontiveros



Congressman Ed Pastor greets Congressional Art Competition winner Adrienne Ontiveros and her family.

Apollo High School students take top marks in Rep. Pastor’s Congressional Art Competition

Winning piece will hang in U.S. Capitol for one year

Congressman Ed Pastor recently recognized three Apollo High School students who took the top prizes in his district’s Congressional Art Competition.

Senior Adrienne Ontiveros, of Glendale, placed first with her acrylic painting entitled “Toe 2 Toe,” which will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year. She also will be flown with a guardian to Washington in June to be recognized at the “An Artistic Discovery” event on Capitol Hill.

Alexis Fajardo, of Phoenix, a junior at Apollo, placed second with her white charcoal drawing entitled “The Language of Love,” and sophomore Catarino Carrasco, of Glendale, placed third with “A Moment of Reflection.” The Apollo High School art teacher is Barbara Dahlstedt.

Eleven students received Honorable Mention for their pieces: Catarino Carrasco, Alexis Fajardo and Nasea Valdez of Apollo High School; Flor Cardenas of Central High School; Leticia Acuña, Rodney Dillan, Michelle Gonzalez, Nancy Naranjo, Grisselda Valerio and Victoria Villalobos of Metro Tech High School; and Clarissa Sanchez of Trevor Browne High School.

“These young students are talented beyond their years,” Pastor said about the winners. “I’m proud to see Ms. Ontiveros’ work hanging in the nation’s Capitol as a representation of the artistic abilities in our district.”

SECOND PLACE

“The Language of Love” by Alexis Fajardo



THIRD PLACE

“A Moment of Reflection” by Catarino Carrasco

For more information about the Congressional Art Competition for high school students, please phone the Phoenix District Office at 602-256-0551.

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6501 W. Virginia, Phoenix
Dec. 13

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June 14, Oct. 11

Marcos de Niza Senior Center
305 W. Pima St., Phoenix
Aug. 9, Nov. 8

South Mountain Community Center
212 E. Alta Vista, Phoenix
June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1,
Dec. 6

Glendale Community Center
5401 W. Ocotillo, Glendale
May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20,
Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

Guadalupe Senior Center
9401 S. Avenida del Yaqui, Guadalupe
May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, Sept. 27,
Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 27

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Fourth Congressional District of Arizona

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Deficit solutions must strengthen Americans

Dear Fellow Arizonans,

Since Congress went into session this year, I have been working hard in Washington, advocating for my constituents' needs as Congress focuses on jobs, the economy and education while we evaluate responsible ways to cut spending.

I remain committed to help put Americans back to work and address local priorities.

That is why I am supportive of responsible efforts to reduce our country's budget deficit that would not hurt constituents, but rather would be a statement about our national values. As we work to resolve the deficit, we must continue to strengthen the middle class, create jobs, grow our economy, invest in our children and provide for our seniors and veterans.

With these goals in mind, I cannot support the current House leadership's effort to abolish Medicare as we know it. We cannot take Medicare away from our seniors who have worked hard and depend on Medicare to protect them during their retirement years. A dramatic reduction in Medicare benefits would force seniors to buy their insurance from large, private health insurance corporations resulting in seniors paying twice as much in premiums while receiving only half the current benefits they receive under Medicare.

All this would happen while the House leadership would continue to give massive tax breaks and subsidies to both domestic- and foreign-owned oil companies and other companies that continue to ship American jobs overseas, make tax cuts for the wealthiest permanent, add \$1 trillion to the deficit, and cut education for children while raising college costs for nearly 10 million students, according to the Democratic leadership.

Meanwhile, I support an alternative budget which cuts the deficit by \$4 trillion, balances the budget by fiscal year 2018, and invests in our future by continuing to fund needed infrastructure projects, education and job-creating programs, alternative energy exploration, and health care research. It also preserves American jobs by highlighting the "Make It In America" agenda,

ends tax breaks for multi-billion dollar oil companies, reduces the deficit responsibly, and strengthens middle-income workers and the economy.

Sincerely,

ED PASTOR
Member of Congress



ASU Center for Race, Democracy

U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor recently met with Arizona State University officials to help launch the new Center for the Study of Race and Democracy. Pastor talked about the importance of positive dialogue among the diverse communities in our state and nation. **Pictured above at the center are: Lasana O. Hotep; Dr. Matthew C. Whitaker, the center's founding director; Dr. Mark von Hagen; Jill Schiefelbein; Rep. Ed Pastor; Dr. Neal A. Lester; and Victoria Jackson.**

Comparison of budget plans

U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor is in support of the Democratic budget plan that would create a winning future for Americans. The budget plans are compared in the chart below.

Republican budget

Democratic budget

Medicare

Ends Medicare guarantee for everyone under 55. Also immediately raises seniors' health costs by repealing provisions closing prescription drug donut hole and repealing new free preventive care benefit under Medicare.

Preserves Medicare for everyone. Preserves the provisions that reduce seniors' health costs by keeping the prescription drug donut hole and maintaining the free preventive care benefit under Medicare.

Taxes

Gives an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires. Preserves tax breaks for multi-billion dollar oil companies and corporations that continue to ship American jobs overseas.

Makes permanent the 2001/2003 middle class tax cuts, but allows tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires to lapse. Repeals tax cuts for oil companies and rolls back tax cuts for corporations that are costing American jobs.

Medicaid

Slashes Medicaid by \$771 billion during the next 10 years—undermining long-term care coverage provided to millions of seniors. Two-thirds of Medicaid spending is spent on seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Protects the millions of seniors in nursing homes who rely on Medicaid for long-term coverage—by protecting Medicaid.

College aid and education

Cuts college aid for nearly 10 million students—slashing the maximum Pell Grant award by more than \$2,500 (45 percent), from the current \$5,550—to the lowest in more than a decade.

Maintains current \$5,500 maximum Pell Grant—preserving the historic gains in college aid made during the last three years.

Cuts elementary and secondary education by 25 percent, eliminating extra reading and math help to 1 million low-income children and cutting 10,000 teachers and aides.

Rejects cuts and strengthens education. This plan follows the President's budget in strengthening K-12 education with a four percent increase.

Investments in future

Cuts investments in clean energy and an energy independent future by 70 percent. Cuts investments in the National Institutes of Health and the life-saving medical research it supports by 14 percent.

Includes President's investments to expand U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and to NIH life-saving medical research.

Rep. Pastor recognizes local company that produces armor that protects America's military



Congressman Ed Pastor, second from left, met with BAE Systems to mark the production of their one millionth armor plate, which is utilized by the Department of Defense.

On the right: The Small Arms Protective Insert, made in the Fourth District, is used by the Department of Defense.



Rep. Ed Pastor recently met with officials and employees of BAE Systems in the southern portion of the Fourth Congressional District to mark the production of their one millionth armor plate, which is used by the Department of Defense to protect our military men and women.

"Last year, Phoenix and Tucson were ranked among the top ten U.S. metro areas with aerospace and defense manufacturing facilities," Pastor said. "BAE Systems and its employees work diligently every day to create protective products for our troops worldwide."

BAE Systems produces the Small Arms Protective Insert (SAPI) plate, which are hard armor inserts worn on the torso to aid in protection against fragmentation and firearms. The protective plates offer greater ballistic protection over soft armor alone and are worn within a war fighter's vest.

Recovery Act funds help build affordable housing in Canyon Corridor

Congressman Pastor's Office recently met with community leaders to help mark the opening of Rehoboth Place, a 47-unit affordable housing complex made possible, in part, by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009. Rehoboth Place is located in the Canyon Corridor neighborhood of west Phoenix and marks the first major development in the community in 25 years. **Pictured on the right is the staff of Rehoboth Place, which met with District Director Elisa de la Vara (not pictured).**



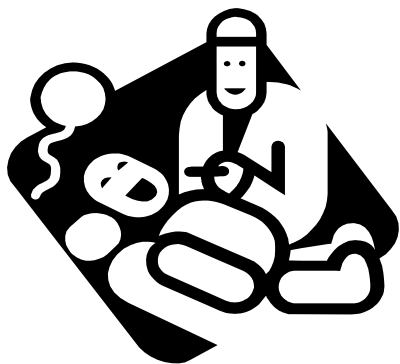
Health care coverage update

Pre-existing conditions

The Affordable Care Act established a Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) for people who may encounter difficulty finding health care insurance coverage because of their health history. For information about how to apply, please visit www.pcip.gov and click on "Find Your State." You may also phone a toll-free line at: 1-866-717-5826, the PCIP Call Center.

Coverage for young people under 26

Many young adults are eligible to remain on their parents' health insurance plan until their 26th birthday, under the Affordable Care Act. Young people or their parents should check with the parents' insurer and explain your situation. Visit www.facebook.com/youngadultcoverage for more information.



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‘Self-help’ grant helps repair Guadalupe homes, provides construction skills training to youth



Guadalupe resident Reynalda Valenzuela and a young family member await the announcement of another USDA Self-Help grant award for the Town of Guadalupe.

U.S. Congressman Ed Pastor recently joined officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and the Town of Guadalupe to announce a \$257,000 grant that will help repair homes while giving young people valuable construction skills to help them find jobs.

The Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grant to the Town of Guadalupe will be used to construct and rehabilitate homes in the town.

“I’ve been a supporter of the Self-Help grants because of the tangible benefits to the community. Housing conditions in Guadalupe are being improved with these types of grants at the same time that young people are learning valuable skills that will secure jobs for them in the construction industry.”

The announcement was made in conjunction with an open house for the home of Reynalda Valenzuela, a Guadalupe resident whose home was refurbished with assistance from a similar grant.

USDA Rural Development’s Alan Stephens, Guadalupe Councilwoman Gloria Cota, Rep. Ed Pastor and Guadalupe Town Manager Bill Hernandez announce a new USDA Self-Help grant for the town.



2010 Census results for the 4th Congressional District

New numbers from the 2010 Census and the American Community Survey were recently released, and they are helping Rep. Ed Pastor define the needs of the residents of the Fourth Congressional District.

Education continues to be a priority in the Fourth Congressional District, as figures show that only 12 percent of constituents in the district have achieved a bachelor’s degree or higher. Twenty-eight percent of the constituents have achieved a high school diploma, but 36 percent have not graduated from high school.

The median income of households for the district was \$37,573. Eighteen percent of the households receive Social Security, for which the average income was \$12,575. However, 28 percent of people live in poverty. Thirty-eight percent of related children under 18 live below the poverty level, as do 16 percent of people 65 or older.

Arizona’s Fourth Congressional District

Population size	698,314
Female population	52.5 percent
Male population	47.5 percent
Average age	27.9 years
Average household size	3.4 persons
Homeowners	48 percent
Renters	55 percent
Race	
White	50.5 percent
Hispanic/Latino	63.9 percent
Black	9.3 percent
American Indian and Alaskan Native	3.2 percent
Asian	2.3 percent

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and American Community Survey.